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SUBJECT: US-ISRAEL R&D SUBCOMMITTEE

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1. RE DATES PROPOSED FOR R&D SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING: US
FEELS THAT ALL THREE DATES PROPOSED BY ISRAELI'S TOO SOON
TO ALLOW ADEQUATE PREPARATION FOR MTG; PARTICULARLY SINCE
WE DO NOT HAVE ENTIRELY CLEAR IDEA AT THIS TIME OF SPECIFIC
ISRAELI INTERESTS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD APPRECIATE
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ELABORATION OR COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT CAN BE PROVIDED. WE

ARE PREPARING DRAFT AGENDA AND WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GOI SUGGESTIONS ON ITEMS. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS EXISTING HEAVY SCHEDULE AND COMMITMENTS OF PARTICIPANTS AND OTHERS WHO WOULD BE INVOLVED DURING SEPT. AND EARLY OCT. US WOULD PREFER WEEK OF OCT. 14, PREFERABLY OCT. 16-18. ALTERNATIVELY, WEEK OF OCT. 21, OR NOV. 4 ACCEPTABLE.

2. YOU MAY TELL ISRAELIS THAT US PREFERS MID OCT. DATE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THEIR PROPOSALS AND WORK UP WITH THEM A USEFUL AGENDA. (FYI) THE QUESTIONS OF USG TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFERRING ISRAELI REQUESTS FOR KNOW-HOW TO PRIVATE INDUSTRY OR LINKING ISRAELI R&D TO USG OR PRIVATE SECTOR RESEARCH, FOR EXAMPLE, PRESENTS

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS, E.G. PROPRIETARY DATA SITUATIONS, AS WOULD THE SUGGESTED LINKAGE WITH AID IN CONDUCTING R&D IN ISRAEL FOR 3RD COUNTRY PROGRAMS. BOTH OF THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN RAISED DURING THE PAST YEAR BY ISRAELI EMB. FINANCE MINISTER SHER IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPT, AID AND OTHERS (END FYI).

3. USG SEES THIS MEETING PRIMARILY AS DISCUSSING AND DEVELOPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN USG AND GOI IN VARIOUS S&T AREAS WHICH HAVE INDUSTRIAL OR DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL FOR ISRAEL, E.G. AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, WATER RESOURCES & MANAGEMENT, LIGHT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL INFO EXCHANGES. GENERAL POSSIBILITIES FOR US PRIVATE SECTOR COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS AND JOINT VENTURES CAN BE DISCUSSED AND DEFINED, HOWEVER SPECIFIC JOINT VENTURE PROPOSALS WITH US INDUSTRY PROBABLY CAN NOT BE DEVELOPED AT THIS MEETING.

4. RE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SCOPE OF INTEREST OF R&D SUBCOMMITTEE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW: (1) EXTENT TO WHICH GOI SEES R&D COOPERATION PRIMARILY IN THE CONTEXT OF US PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OR SUPPORT OF ISRAELI R&D (SEEMINGLY INDICATED BY MIN. OF COMMERCE & FINANCE JULY 16 PAPER PASSED DURING SEC. SIMON'S VISIT) OR IN CONTEXT OF JOINT PARTICIPATION (AND FUNDING) IN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN AREAS WITH INDUSTRIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPLICATIONS; (2) WHETHER GOI IS SEEKING USG ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING ACCESS TO AVAILABLE S&T DATA OR WANTS USG TO ASSIST IN GETTING PRIORITY OR PREFERRED ACCESS TO PRIVATE SECTOR OR PROPRIETARY DATA.

5. RE BNSF: USG WORKING ON INCREASING FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT, HOWEVER NOT LIKELY THAT PROCESS CAN BE COMPLETED BEFORE R&D SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING. QUESTION OF

BNSF SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH DISCUSSED AT MARCH BOARD MEETING. NOTHING IN AGREEMENT OR BNSF PROCEDURES EXPLICITLY PROHIBIT THIS, BUT POLICY HAS BEEN NOT TO SUPPORT COMMERCIAL OR "FOR PROFIT" RESEARCH BECAUSE OF LIMITED FUNDS (EXCEPTION IS S&T TRANSLATION PROGRAM).

6. US PARTICIPANTS IN R&D SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING WILL INCLUDE DR. DAVID CHANG, DEP ASS'T SEC. OF COMMERCE FOR S&T; MR. NELSON F. SIEVERING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, STATE/SCI; MR. WILLIAM WETMORE, DIR. OFFICE OF SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AND ANALYSIS, NSF; MR. KENNETH HAINES, ASSOC. DIR., AGR/ARS; MR. ADDISON E. RICHMOND, JR., DIRECTOR, BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL S&T PROGRAMS, STATE/SCI. WE WILL ADVISE YOU

ASAP ON FINAL COMPOSITION OF SUB COMMITTEE AND US PARTICIPATION. WE INVITE AND WELCOME EMB PARTICIPATION IN SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS. KISSINGER

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